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The Honorable Dan Weinberg,
Chairman, Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee
Montana State Senate
PO Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

RE: HB 148 – Pool/Spa License Fee Increase

Dear Chairman Weinberg and Members of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety
Committee:

On behalf of the Yellowstone City-County Board of Health, I urge your support of HB 148
which would increase licensing fees for public swimming pools and spas.

The Yellowstone City-County Health Department has been inspecting public pools and spas
within the county for over 20 years and currently inspects 71 pools and 45 spas. Pool
inspections take approximately 1 hour to complete, including chemical testing, checking
safety equipment and the filtering system, as well as inspecting the log. Current fees do not
begin to adequately cover the cost of the inspections and increasing the fee will help assist in
supporting the costs. Our present reimbursement for pool and spa inspections amounts to
approximately $4500. Under HB 148, the proposed reimbursement would be approximately
$15,000.

Pool and spa inspections are an important public health safety measure as the inspections
can identify possible hazards and reduce the likelihood of accidental death or injury at public
pool facilities. The inspection of water quality is an important component in preventing the
spread of communicable disease in our community.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of HB 148. I look forward to working with you on
this and other important public health measures. If you have any questions, please do not
hesitate to contact me at barbaras@ycchd.org or 651-6420.

Sincerely,

Barbara Schneeman, Manager
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CC: Senators Kim Gillan and Lynda Moss, Representative Wanda Grinde